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tion of the Indians, and was created by the Government.

There are a number of club language work and other studies the thing that proved most popular last winter was instruction in new dances. One of the best professional dancing teachers was engaged to conduct the class at a nominal fee. Even at a reasonable charge, enough money was taken to give a surplus for other functions.

The Home Club does not hang outside of its own ranks in cases to find its talent for theatrical evenings that are a feature of the club life, or even for the national lectures on science, art, or literature. The personnel department is made up of people who have traveled and studied by their erudition and experience is quite proper that the Home should profit.

**Many Attend Classes.**

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Not everyone in Washington knows that Secretary of Interior Lane was the originator of the Home Club, an organization for all the employees of the Interior Department. It is located at 14 Jackson place.

In a letter from the West several months ago Secretary Lane told a friend in Washington that he expected to form a club for all the employees of the department, and that he thought such a club should be established in spacious quarters near the White House. Although the idea did not receive much encouragement at the time, the Secretary "put it up" and it has since become a reality.

It is now a prosperous club in just the sort of a house of which the Secretary dreamed when he was convalescing out West. Lounging rooms, assembly hall, library, pool and billiard rooms, and a large dining hall, have been the wisdom of the Secretary's planning.

The power of the club may exceed the imagination of the Secretary, who is the president of the club. Bureau chiefs come to know one another's subordinates on a closer footing through their chiefs, and workers of the divisions learn to know something real and personal about each other from the club.

**In Key Mansion.**

The house in which the Home Club is quartered is the historic Key mansion, on Jackson place, looking out over Lafayette Park. It is a charming continental structure, with its East front, and its stone columns entwined with ivy.

The impression when one enters the club house is one of general good-fellowship and activity. Bulletins on the wall give the members the latest news and announce any new development in the affairs of the department community. Just at present, a scheme for transferring the Home Club to the terrace building is being discussed quite a lengthy space on the bulletin. This plan, however, has not been adopted.

All things cannot be accomplished in a day, and as the present quarters are needed only since February, it did not discourage the leader to fail to get summer plans made in time for the month of May. There is no doubt, in time, be a clubhouse out in the country, for summer use, and the club will have accomplished all sorts of splendid things, but at the present stage, the Home Club intends to concentrate on 14 Jack-

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"We have had some big people up here," said a typical out-of-door speaker, "and we are going to have had Secretary Daniels talk to us; Sir William Wilcocks, the builder of the Aswan dam, in Egypt; Margaret Wilson."

"We are also going to have President Wilson here, and a nonchalant tone, as though no dignitary could overtop the hospitality of the Home Club. 'Somehow or other,' said the speaker, 'we shall have him next winter.' Here is a typical program of a week's doings at the 'Acquainted Night,' hostess, Miss Mary Louise Carr, of the Pension Office, special musical entertainment with special music for dancing."

Thursday—Open house.

Friday—'Acquainted Night' bring the children to the club.

Thursday—Lecture, "Vocational Guidance," by Gustave Biumthall.

Friday—'Acquainted Night.' "Jim the Peelman" act by the man with the photographic brain. Illustrated, special music for dancing. Musical entertainment.

This did not give a comprehensive idea of the educational opportunities that can be put to the use of club members. The Bureau of Mines has an exceptionally fine moving picture machine, which it lends to the club members, and on which are reeled fine Government films. Some of these are exceptionally valuable, like the "How to Dig a Hole" and "How to Build a Fire," which it is understood, was taken without the sanc-

There are a number of classes in language work and other studies but the main thing that people do in the winter is instruction in the new dances. One of the best professional dancing teachers in the city engaged to conduct the class at a nominal fee. Even at a reasonable price, the club could not expect to give a surplus for other club functions.

The Home Club does not have to go outside of its own ranks in most cases to find its talent for the activities. The club has a number of members who are active in the club life, or even for the educational lectures on science, art, travel, etc. The Home Club has a travel department is made up of persons who have traveled and studied, and who are able to give interesting lectures is quite proper that the Home Club should profit.

Many Attend Classes.

The club house is well appreciated, and many are dropping in every afternoon after 4.30. They may see groups of persons sitting in class work or bending over the table in the kitchen, and are probably planning to be late for

**Lounging** individuals are thrumming on the piano, reading or idling over a game of chess. It is a great thing for the employee in any of the nine bureaus which make up the Interior Department, to come to a spacious clubhouse, to have the opportunity of entertaining friends there, and to get the social and educational pleasures that result from such full co-operation among all those in that particular branch of

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### His Honor Lost.

"She ought to drop dead for the lies she's telling," said the plaintiff, seditiously listening to the witness for defense.

"Don't say that," admonished judge.

"She ought," repeated the plaintiff.

"Don't say that again!" warned judge.

"Well, I won't, but she ought."

A brief recitation of the hardships which American tourists were forced to endure while escaping Germany is given in a letter which W. E. Robertson, a Washingtonian, wrote from London, August 7, to friends in this city. Mr. Robertson's letter reads:

"I cannot tell you all we have passed through since we were so bravely rescued from Germany, passed through Liege a few hours before the battle, and after many more trials, scarcely any food, we were rescued from the hands of the Germans, and after many expressions of praise for our safety, reached London August 5, after greater hardships than many people have known."

"Chauncy Depeuw was on the train in which we came from Paris. He has been through many hardships, and all of us suffered. For some hours he took shelter in a rough freight car, and he has been through many hardships. We are now in Boulogne to Folkestone. Our dignity prevails here; a quiet, steady endurance and courage is the only thing for a holy cause."

Miss Susie Whittlesey and Miss Gertrude Amls, of Washington, who were caught in the maelstrom of the European war, at Brussels, Belgium, in company with Miss Whittlesey's uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham, have arrived safely in London, after a trying experience according to a cablegram received by Miss Whittlesey's brother today.

The journey from Brussels to the coast consumed twenty hours. Their baggage and other belongings were taken through.

On improvements. "The decreases were made in the business sections. The bulk of such increases as were made in the residential sections of the Silver Lake section, the section between the street, Massachusetts avenue extended, and Fourteenth street northwest, in the section made also in the suburban sections.

"All sections of the suburbs have been affected, but the largest and considerable changes in the last three years in suburban development and laid values."

"In the city changes have been made chiefly in the business section, particularly in the section between D street northwest, and from D street north to H street. Here valuations have increased in the last three years and will amount to an addition of several million dollars.

"Attention to Street Higher.

"Values along the whole length of Sixteenth street have increased during the last few years. Notice of this fact was made by the Assessors, and in the assessment that has been made along the entire street."

consists of W. P. Richards, Assessor, and the five members of the board of assessor-ascenders, Benjamin A. Adams, W. L. Best, Alexander Mackenzie, E. W. Oyster, and E. M. Talcott.

Appeals were heard from the first Monday in January to the first Monday in June.

## Senate Votes Twice to Grant Widow Pension

The Senate had to reverse itself in double quick order today, when it discovered in its zeal to grant a year's salary to the widow of Col. D. D. Guillard, of Panama canal fame, it had provided for paying a year's salary twice.

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**ARMY.**

First Lieutenant GEORGE E. STALLMAN, dental surgeon, relieved from duty at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., to report Hawaiian department for duty.

First Lieutenant TRUMAN D. THORPE, retired, relieved from duty at Fort Sill, Military Academy, Lexington, Mo., to his home.

First Lieutenant EDWARD DOWDELL, dental surgeon, relieved from duty to active duty Fort Ontario, N. Y.

First Lieutenant HENRY R. WESTON, Medical Reserve Corps, to his home. Leave commenced for two months and ten days is granted to First Lieutenant HENRY R. WESTON, Medical Reserve Corps.

The following captains Coast Artillery Corps, are transferred as indicated:

WILLIAM A. COVING, from the Twenty-ninth to the Sixty-first Company.

CHARLES HILTON from the Sixty-first to the Sixth Company.

ARTHUR K. LONG, from the Twenty-ninth to the Ninety-fourth Company.

JOHN L. SPURR from the Ninety-fourth to the 182d company.

EDWIN C. LONG from the Twenty-seventh to the Twenty-ninth Company.

Captain HENRY C. MERRIAM Coast Artillery, relieved from command of the Sixth Company, transferred to Colonel George Armstrong and assigned to the Sixty-first Company.

First Lieutenant THOMAS H. BLOK, Coast Artillery, relieved from command of the United States army mine plant, Colonel George Armstrong.

Leave commenced for two months is granted to Colonel EDWIN ST. J. GREBLE, General Staff.

Changes in assignment of officers of Coast Artillery Corps are ordered as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel OSCAR I. STRAUB from command of Coast Defenses of Charleston to Fort Howard, Md., and command the Coast Defenses of Baltimore.

Lieutenant Colonel MORRIS K. BARROLL from duty as fort commander, Fort Hancock, N. J., to Fort Moultrie, S. C., to command the Coast Defenses of Charleston.

Major FRANK K. FERGUSON to duty as fort commander, Fort Hancock, N. J.

Major THOMAS B. LAMOREUX from duty duty as fort commander, Fort Hancock, N. J., to Fort Moultrie, S. C., to command the Coast Defenses of Charleston.

Defenses of Puget Sound, for duty as commander, Fort Casey, Wash.

Major HENRY H. WHITNEY to Coast Artillery, for duty as commander, Fort Baker, Cal.

Major MERVYN C. BUCKEY to Coast Artillery, San Francisco, for duty at Fort Winfield Scott, Cal.

**NAVY.**

Captain C. B. MORGAN, commissioned from July 1.

Lieutenant JOHN DOWNS, to leave for duty.

Lieutenant F. J. FLETCHER, to wait orders.

Lieutenant J. M. STEVENS, commissioned from March 5.

Lieutenant (junior grade) G. B. KESTER, commissioned from July 1.

Lieutenant (junior grade) H. A. BADT, commissioned from June 5.

Lieutenant (junior grade) C. W. LIMS, commissioned from June 5.

Lieutenant (junior grade) R. S. ROBERTSON, jr., commissioned from June 5.

Lieutenant (junior grade) J. R. BARRY, commissioned from June 5.

Lieutenant (junior grade) C. H. BORDLAND, commissioned from June 5.

Lieutenant (junior grade) J. J. SAXNER, commissioned from June 5.

Ensign J. P. TRAYNOR, to Naaville.

Ensign F. P. TRAYNOR, to Terry.

Ensign W. B. PHILLIPS, to Cassin.

Ensign LARRY LEE, to Fifth Regiment.

Second Lieutenant L. H. MILLER, commissioned July 1.

**MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.**

Arrived—Caesar, at San Pedro de Marcoris; Caesar, at Catalina; Marcoris, at Boston yard; Tripp, at Boston yard; Presidents, at Newmouth, England; P. duch, at North River; Missouri, at Southern drill grounds; Illinois, at Southern drill grounds.

Left—Caesar, from San Pedro de Marcoris; Patterson, from Presidents; Road for Boston yard; Tripp, from Boston yard; Presidents, from Missouri, from Hampton Roads for Southern drill grounds; Illinois, from Hampton Roads for Southern drill grounds.

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